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Recognizing Those Who Keep Us Safe ***Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week Is July 17-23***

During the week of July 17-23, people across the United States will be recognizing the essential work probation and parole officers do to keep the community safe.

These officers play a critical role in the public safety system, yet their work often goes unnoticed by the general public.

"Probation and parole officers stop many crimes before they occur in every neighborhood in our county," says San Diego County Chief Probation Officer Vincent J. Iaria. "These officers have the difficult and often dangerous task of closely monitoring offender's associations, activities, and even intentions. They hold offenders accountable for victim restitution and lay the foundation for rehabilitation. Probation and parole officers are true heroes."

About 900 sworn probation officers supervise more than 3,500 juvenile offenders and 19,000 adult offenders in San Diego County. The offenders include high-risk sex offenders, documented gang members, arsonists, drug dealers, child abusers, white-collar criminals, drunk drivers, and many other types of felons and misdemeanants.

In addition to supervising probationers in the community, officers oversee two juvenile detention facilities, three 24-hour treatment facilities, several day treatment programs, Work Project, and the Work Furlough program.

The media and the public is invited to learn more about the programs and services offered by the County of San Diego Probation Department. Please call the public affairs office at (858) 514-3212 for more information or visit our website at www.sdcounty.ca.gov/probation.

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